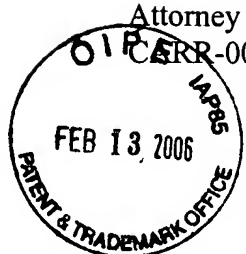


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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 23, 2005, and having a shortened statutory period for response expiring November 23, 2005, and extended for 3 months by petition enclosed herewith until February 23, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Application in view of the following remarks.

Pending in this application are Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 13 – 15, 17, and 23 – 25.